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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Tetsujiro Kondo et al.  
Serial No. : 09/583,250  
For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE  
PROCESSING METHOD, NOISE-AMOUNT  
ESTIMATE APPARATUS, NOISE-AMOUNT  
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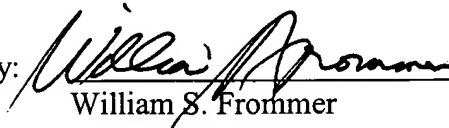
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The undersigned attorney of record, empowered to sign this Statement on behalf  
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right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from

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The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

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